

Federal funds will support first responders as region recovers from the latest storm

Burlington County - Congressman John Adler today announced more than \$8,000 in federal grant funds for the Vincent Fire Company in Vincentown. The grant is intended to support the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

"As our first responders continue to work through sleet and snow to keep our families safe, this extra funding will help relieve some of their burden," Congressman Adler said. "Our volunteer firefighters put their lives on the line everyday to protect our families. Our firefighters and taxpayers deserve to get their fair share of federal resources."

The Vincent Fire Company will receive \$8,550 in federal funds through this grant.

"On behalf of the men and women who serve our community as career and volunteer firefighters, I thank Congressman Adler for helping to secure these funds," Chief Steven Pratt said. "Our first responders work around the clock to keep our communities safe, and this funding will go a long to support their selfless efforts."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded this grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. These funds will enhance the ability of fire departments to attain and maintain 24-hour staffing and to assure that our communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

Last year, Congressman Adler hosted several workshops to ensure local public safety departments were informed about the federal grant process. He also voted to pass the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which provided increased funding for Assistance to Firefighters Grants.

Last month, Congressman Adler proudly announced that Pemberton and Medford Lakes would also receive federal funds.